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SUBJECT: GOG AND GREEK PRESS COMMENTS ON STATUS OF
FORCES NEGOTIATIONS

SUMMARY: NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE STATUS OF U.S. FORCES
IN GREECE RECEIVED SOMEWHAT DISTORTED ATTENTION RECENTLY
IN A NEWSPAPER STORY AND MORE ACCURATELY IN A GOG REPLY TO
A PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY. END SUMMARY.

1. VRADYNI (PRO-GOVERNMENT) REPORTED ON ITS BACK (I.E.,
NEWS) PAGE OCTOBER 21 UNDER THE HEADING "WHATEVER BASES
REMAIN WILL BE UNDER NATIONAL CONTROL," THE FOLLOWING:
QUOTE: THE GREEK-AMERICAN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT AMERICAN BASES
IN GREECE CONTINUE BUT ON A CLEARLY TECHNICAL LEVEL. ON
THIS LEVEL SUBJECTS ARE DISCUSSED WHICH CONCERN THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT TO
CLOSE AMERICAN BASES WHICH DO NOT SERVE GREECE'S NATIONAL
INTERESTS AND TO PLACE UNDER CONTROL THOSE WHICH WILL
REMAIN. IN ATHENS AT PRESENT, THE LEGAL STATUS OF
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AMERICAN PERSONNEL WHO SERVE IN OUR COUNTRY IS BEING

DISCUSSED ON THIS TECHNICAL LEVEL BY LEGAL EXPERTS OF THE TWO MINISTRIES OF NATIONAL DEFENSE SO THAT IT WILL BE MADE THE SAME AS THAT OF PERSONNEL OF OTHER FOREIGN MISSIONS. IT HAS BEEN LEARNED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT EXPERTS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND OF THE PENTAGON WHO CAME TO ATHENS FOR THIS PURPOSE ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE DISCUSSIONS. UNQUOTE

2. DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS C. STAVROPOULOS ON OCTOBER 13 SUBMITTED A WRITTEN REPLY, THE TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS, TO A PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION POSED SEPTEMBER 20 ASKING HOW THE GOVERNMENT WAS DEALING WITH THE QUESTION OF EXTERATERRITORIALITY (SIC): QUOTE REFERRING TO THE QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN PARLIAMENT BY THESSALONIKI DEPUTY MR. S. PAPATHEMELIS, WE HAVE THE HONOR TO STATE THAT THE PRESENT PHASE OF THE GREEK-AMERICAN NEGOTIATIONS TAKING PLACE IN ATHENS HAVE AS THEIR SOLE OBJECT THE REVISION OF THE LEGAL STATUS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN FORCES AND OF THEIR FAMILIES STATIONED IN GREECE. THIS REVISION AIMS AT THE ABOLITION OF ALL OF THE CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS WHICH IN ANY MANNER INFRINGE UPON THE NATIONAL DIGNITY AND THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF GREECE. UNQUOTE

3. THE VRADYNI ARTICLE ADOPTS THE OVER-SIMPLIFIED NOTION OF REDUCING U.S. FORCES' PRIVILEGES TO THOSE OF THE PERSONNEL OF OTHER FOREIGN MISSIONS, BUT THE PARLIAMENTARY RESPONSE SUBMITTED BY DEPUTY MINISTER STAVROPOULOS REFLECTS MORE ACCURATELY THE OBJECTIVE BEING PURSUED BY THE GOG IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS. STEARNS

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